

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following new paragraph to the application after the title:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a National Stage application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) of International Application No. PCT/EP03/011129 having an International Filing Date of October 8, 2003, which claims the benefit of priority of European Patent Application No. 03008177.2, filed April 8, 2003, and German Patent Application No. 20215415.7, filed October 8, 2002.

Please replace the abstract as published in International Application No. PCT/EP03/011129 with the following amended abstract:

The present invention relates to pharmaceutically active oligosaccharide conjugates having the formula: $(X-Y_m)-S(X-Y_m)_n-S$, wherein component X is a pharmaceutically active compound, Y is a bifunctional linker, and S is an oligosaccharide[[,]] consisting of 1 to 20 saccharide units, n is equal or less than the number of the saccharide units in the oligosaccharide S, and m is, independent of n, 0 or 1. In addition, the present invention is directed to a process of preparing compounds of the present invention, comprising the step of coupling components X and S directly or indirectly by means of a bifunctional linker group. Furthermore, the present invention relates to the use of said pharmaceutically active oligosaccharide conjugates as a medicament as well as to pharmaceutical compositions, freeze-dried pharmaceutical compositions, and a kit, all of which comprise at least one of said pharmaceutically active oligosaccharide conjugates.

A clean copy of the amended Abstract is attached hereto.